GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF LEATHER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of leather exported during each of the last three years and the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom, country-wise;

(b) whether the targets fixed for export of leather have been achieved during the said period;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the quantum of leather targetted to be exported during the current year; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to enhance the export potential of leather?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMALNATH)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 312 FOR ANSWER ON 16TH AUGUST, 2005 REGARDING `EXPORT OF LEATHER`

(a) The export figures in respect of finished leather for the last three years are as under:

Export figures of leather during the last three years

(value in Million US$)

Products	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Finished leather	508.83	555.71	577.00

(b) (c) & (d) A combined annual export target for leather and leather products is fixed by the government every year. The export target for leather and leather products for the year 2005-06 is US $ 2675 million. The export targets and achievements during the last three years are as under:

(value in Million US$)

Year	Export Target	Actual Exports	% Achievement
2002-03	2030	1875.21	92%
2003-04	2000	2216.45	111%
2004-05	2284	2379.44	104%

(e) Government is taking steps to implement the Indian Leather Development Programme (ILDP), with an outlay of Rs. 400 crore, inter-alia for technology upgradation, modernization and expansion of the leather industry as well as for infrastructure development and capacity building. Government is also supporting exports of leather products through the Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme and the Market Access Initiative Scheme